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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
USE OF SAME TO ENHANCE THE
IMMUNE RESPONSE OF A HOST TO
AN ANTIGEN (AS AMENDED)

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Dear Sir:

I, Dennis A. Carson, M.D., declare as follows:

1. I am an inventor named in the above-referenced patent application, and am familiar with the contents thereof.
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4. I have worked in the area of administration of antigen in the form of an antigen encoding polynucleotide for more than 12 years. During the course of this work, I also worked with systems employing administration of antigen and am familiar with the scientific literature in the field of immune response due to antigen administration, whether the antigen administration is by antigen per se or by a polynucleotide encoding the antigen.

5. I have read pending claim 204 and new claim 205 of the subject application and claim 3 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,207,646. I have also read the entire U.S. Pat. No. 6,207,646.

6. I understand that pending claim 204 is directed to a method of treating an allergy in a vertebrate, involving administering to the vertebrate an effective amount of an immunostimulatory nucleic acid in a plasmid. The method entails using an immunostimulatory nucleic acid and an effective amount of an antigen (which is encoded by the plasmid) which stimulates production of allergy associated IgE antibodies in the vertebrate.

7. I understand that new claim 205 is directed to a method for suppressing an allergic response to an antigen in a mammal susceptible to an allergic reaction to the antigen which stimulates production of allergy-associated IgE antibodies in the mammal. The method entails parenterally administering an effective amount of an immunostimulatory nucleic acid in a plasmid and an effective amount of the antigen or the antigen encoded in the plasmid.

8. According to claim 204, administration of antigen is accomplished through administration of a plasmid encoding the antigen. According to claim 205, administration of antigen is accomplished through administration of antigen per se or through administration of a plasmid encoding the antigen.

9. The ability to stimulate an antigen-specific immune response through administration of a polynucleotide which encodes the antigen has been well-known in the art for years, including at the time this application was filed (i.e., January 30, 1996). Some of my earlier papers and patent publications refer to this phenomenon.

10. In the context of allergy immunotherapy, i.e., when offending antigen is administered for the purpose of suppressing the extent of the unwanted immune response (also referred to as desensitization), the desired effect is for the body to respond to the offending antigen in an antigen-specific manner, leading to suppression of the allergic response to that

particular antigen. In this context, administration of an antigen or administration of a polynucleotide encoding the antigen, for example a plasmid, serves the same purpose, i.e., the introduction of the antigen to the body. Once administered, the polynucleotide encoding the antigen is transcribed and translated by the host to yield the antigen. The antigen is then available for the host to generate an antigen-specific immune response.

11. As of the January 30, 1996 filing date of this application, one skilled in the art would have recognized that for administration of an antigen to an individual, administering the antigen could be substituted by administering a polynucleotide encoding the antigen, and this would lead to an antigen-specific immune response and suppression of the allergic response. Thus, as is well-recognized in the art, in terms of the goal of effecting suppression of the allergic response (or desensitization) in allergy immunotherapy, either of the alternatives of antigen per se and antigen as encoded in a polynucleotide can be used.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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